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1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH THE DGB HAS NOT PUBLISHED YET THE VETTER/SHELEPIN COMMUNIQUE, THE DGB HAS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE GERMAN VERSION TO THE EMBASSY'S LABOR ATTACHE. THE DGB VERSION HAS SOME CHANGES AS COMPARED TO THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN TRUD ON SEPT 29 (SEE FBIS OCT 4). IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE GERMAN VERSION OMITS THE REFERENCE TO WEST BERLIN WHEN REFERRING TO THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT AND ON THE CSCE ISSUE OMITS THE PHRASE WHICH CONNECTS THE CSCE WITH THE "INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLES OF THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN CONTINENT." IN ADDITION, DGB SOURCES CLAIM THAT THE COMMUNIQUE IS MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR WHAT IT DID NOT INCLUDE: FOR EXAMPLE, THEY CLAIM THAT THE REFERENCES IN THE SOVIET DRAFT TO ISRAEL, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THE SOVIET PROPOSED EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE AND THE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS WERE ELIMINATED BY VETTER AND HIS DELEGATION IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE SOVIET DRAFT. THE DGB SOURCES CLAIM THAT THE COMMUNIQUE REPRESENTED MOSTLY "PLATITUDES." DURING THEIR VISIT THE DELEGATION WAS ALSO STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT THERE WERE ABOUT A HUNDRED FOREIGN TRADE UNIONISTS INCLUDING US TRADE UNIONISTS IN MOSCOW WHILE THE DGB DELEGATION WAS THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DGB DELEGATION INTERPRETED SOVIET MOVES DURING THIS VISIT TO INDICATE THAT THE SOVIET STRATEGY IS TO BUILD UP A PATTERN OF BILATERAL CONTACTS AROUND CERTAIN MAJOR THEMES OR LABOR PROBLEMS AND THEN TO TRY TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THESE CONTACTS INTO MORE PERMANENT RELATIONSHIPS.

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3. THE GERMAN VERSION OF THE VETTER/SHELEPIN COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS.

A DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL BOARD OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB) LED BY DGB CHAIRMAN H.O. VETTER PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION 21 THROUGH 29 SEPTEMBER 1973 AT THE INVITATION OF THE AUCCTU. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED G. STEPHAN AND

F. WOSCHECH MEMBERS OF THE DGB FEDERAL BOARD; H. VIETHEER
FIRST CHAIRMAN OF FRG TRADE UNION OF COMMERCE, BANKING
AND INSURANCE WORKERS; G. DRESCHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE DGB
BOARD IN THE LAND OF LOWER SAXONY; AND B. OTTO, CHIEF OF
THE DGB SECRETARIAT. DURING ITS STAY IN THE USSR, THE
DELEGATION FAMILIARIZED ITSELF WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF
SOVIET TRADE UNIONS IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV AND
VISITED IRKUTSK, THE BRATSK COMPLEX AN ALUMINUM COMBINE,
AND THE BRATSK TIMBER COMPLEX.
TALKS WERE HELD WITH THE PARTICIPATION, ON THE SOVIET
SIDE OF COMRADE A.N. SHELEPIN, AUCCTU CHAIRMAN; AUCCTU
SECRETARIES P.T. PIMENOV AND A.P. BIRYUKOV; AND AUCCTU
PRESIDIUM MEMBERS L.V. PETROV, CHAIRMAN OF THE MOSCOW
CITY TRADE UNION COUNCIL; A.P. USHAKOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE TRADE UNION OF WORKERS IN
CONSTRUCTION AND THE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY, AND
B.A. AVERYANOV, CHIEF OF THE AUCCTU INTERNATIONAL SEC
TION.
THE SIDES EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF

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TRADE UNIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES, DISCUSSED THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DGB AND THE AUCCTU AND CONSIDERED A SPECIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAM FOR 1974. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT RELATIONS ARE DEVELOPING SUCCESSFULLY THIS YEAR BETWEEN TRADE UNIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE FRG AND THAT THERE IS A BROADER EXCHANGE OF SPECIALIZED DELEGATIONS, DELEGATIONS OF JOURNALISTS OF THE TRADE UNION PRESS, AND SO FORTH. THE SIDES BELIEVE THAT NEW POSSIBILITIES HAVE NOW EMERGED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN USSR AND FRG TRADE UNIONS THANKS TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR STATES WHICH ACCORDS WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES' WORKING PEOPLE. BOTH TRADE UNION CENTERS PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT, DESPITE THE DIFFERENT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY OPERATE AND THEIR DIFFERENT IDEOLOGICAL VIEWS, THE TRADE UNIONS OF THE USSR AND THE FRG HAVE IDENTICAL AIMS AND COMMON POSITIONS ON A WHOLE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS AND QUESTIONS OF TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE, ABOVE ALL, THE STRUGGLE TO STRENGTHEN AND SAFEGUARD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, TO INSURE

EUROPEAN SECURITY, AND TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE WORKING PEOPLE'S WORK AND LIVING CONDITIONS, THE DEFENSE OF THEIR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AND DEMANDS, AND THE STRENGTHENING TO FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES. THE HOLDING OF CONSULTATIONS AND JOINT SEMINARS FOR THESE PURPOSES, MUTUAL INFORMATION, THE STUDY OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF TRADE UNIONS, AND EXCHANGES OF EXHIBITIONS, LECTURERS, AND SO FORTH WOULD ACCORD WITH THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE USSR AND THE FRG AND THEIR TRADE UNIONS.

THE SIDES POINTED OUT WITH SATISFACTION THE TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE OF THE FRG VISIT OF COMRADE L.I. BREZHNEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, OF HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR W. BRANDT AND OF THE IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THIS VISIT--AGREEMENTS WHICH DEFINE SPECIFIC STEPS TO EXTEND AND DEEPEN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE FRG IN ALL SPHERES OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COUNTRIES' PEOPLE. THE EFFORTS OF OUR COUNTRIES' TRADE UNION CENTERS AIMED AT IMPLEMENTING JOINT ACTIONS ARE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED.

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT A GREAT ROLE IN NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN EUROPE WAS PLAYED BY THE SIGNING OF THE FRG'S TREATIES WITH THE USSR AND POLAND, THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE GDR AND THE FRG AND THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1971. THE AUCCTU AND THE DGB BELIEVE THAT A NEW PHASE HAS APPEARED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR STATES, A CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE OF WHICH IS THE SWING AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION TOWARD COOPERATION. AT THE SAME TIME, BOTH SIDES DECLARE THAT FORCES STILL EXIST WHICH ACTIVELY OPPOSE THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND PEACE. THE DGB AND THE AUCCTU EXPRESSED SATISFACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION AND STATED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO THE PROCESS OF EASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND TO STRENGTHENING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. THEY EXPRESSED PROFOUND SATISFACTION IN CONNECTION WITH

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THE CESSATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM AND LAOS, AS WELL AS THEIR INTEREST IN THE SPEEDIEST PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR EAST.

BOTH SIDES REGISTERED A RESOLUTE PROTEST IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUP ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MILITARY JUNTA AGAINST THE LAWFULLY ELECTED POPULAR UNITY GOVERNMENT IN CHILE AND WITH THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE AND DEMANDED THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES, AND IMMEDIATE END TO THE BLOODY REPRISALS, AND THE LIFTING OF THE BAN OF THE UNITED TRADE UNION CENTER OF THE CHILEAN WORKING PEOPLE.

DURING THE TALKS OPINIONS WERE EXCHANGED ON A BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, PRIMARILY IN EUROPE. THE SIDES EXPRESSED THE UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT REAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR BROAD AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE.

THE AUCCTU AND DGB DELEGATIONS WELCOME THE MEETING OF LEADERS OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SECOND ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN JANUARY 1974, WHICH WILL EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF WHAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN TRADE UNION CENTERS OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, IN DEFENDING THE WORKING PEOPLE'S INTERESTS.

A DELEGATION OF SOVIET TRADE UNIONS LED BY THE AUCCTU CHAIRMAN WILL PAY A RETURN VISIT TO THE FRG IN 1974 AT THE INVITATION OF THE DGB.

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